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### **Australia's unemployment rate remained steady at 5.8 per cent in April 2014**

Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained steady at 5.8 per cent in April 2014, as announced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) today.

The seasonally adjusted labour force participation rate decreased by less than 0.1 percentage points to 64.7 per cent in April.

The ABS reported the number of people employed increased by 14,200 to 11,572,900 in April 2014 (seasonally adjusted). The increase in total employment was due to increased male full-time employment and female part-time employment. Full-time employment increased by 14,200 people to 8,045,100 and part-time employment was unchanged at 3,527,800 people.

The number of people unemployed decreased by 400 to 713,400 in April 2014 (seasonally adjusted), the ABS reported.

The ABS monthly seasonally adjusted aggregate hours worked series decreased in April 2014, down 39.9 million hours to 1,572.6 million hours.

More details are in the April 2014 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0), as well as the upcoming April 2014 issue of *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001) due for release next week on May 15. These publications are available for free download (after release) from the ABS website - [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au).

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